

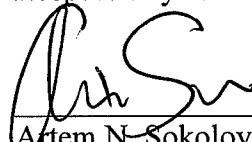
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22 and 23 are all the claims pending in the present Application. Claims 2, 7-11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 3-6, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22 and 23 are allowed. Accordingly, allowance of this Application are now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This Amendment is being filed via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Any fee due under 37 U.S.C. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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